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In re application of:

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For: Method for Calculating Connection
Loss of Optical Fiber and Simulator
Using the Same

Art Unit: Not Assigned

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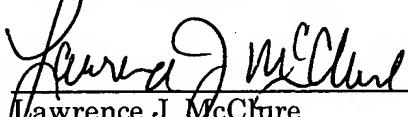
NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE REFERENCES

- Enclosed is a search report for a counterpart application. The search report Examiner has provided comments on the relevancy of any non-English language references cited in the search report.
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Respectfully submitted,
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	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	Translation	
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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